

62 Schools Open Doors Tomorrow In Montgomery

18,000 Pupils Prepare To Resume Studies; Junior College to Start

By J. B. Zatzman

Approximately 18,000 Montgomery County boys and girls will turn their backs on summer pastimes tomorrow to resume classes in 62 county elementary, junior and senior high schools.

The Montgomery Junior College, the first publicly supported institution of its kind in the Washington area, also will open its doors tomorrow to approximately 145 students. An orientation course will be given tomorrow and Tuesday at the junior college with formal registration scheduled for Wednesday. Instruction will begin Thursday.

According to Dr. Edwin W. Broome, county superintendent of schools, this year's enrollment is expected to exceed last year's figure by about 500, with the teaching situation "under control."

Adequate Class Space. Despite the record enrollment, Dr. Broome said there will be adequate classroom space and no part-time sessions are in prospect. He pointed out that a school construction program, designed to prevent overcrowding, is under way.

A total of 620 teachers are on hand—about 30 more than last year—but there are still a few vacancies, Dr. Broome said.

He added that registration of students entering the county school system for the first time was completed last week and it is unnecessary for those who attended classes last year to register.

Dr. Broome said a few veterans are enrolling this year in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase and Lincoln High Schools to complete their high school education and obtain diplomas.

17 Holidays Listed.

The 1946-47 school year will consist of 183 teaching days, Dr. Broome said, with school closing June 19 next summer. There will be 17 holidays, including one day during the State teachers' meeting in Baltimore during the last week in October; November 5, election day; two days for Thanksgiving; eight during the Christmas season; four during Easter and Memorial Day.

Students at seven county schools will have new principals. They are Lester Welsh, Takoma Junior High; Darryl Shaw, Montgomery Blair High; Miss Vera A. Noffz, Bethesda Elementary; Maxwell Burdette, Gaithersburg High; Emerson C. Slacum, Damascus High; Joseph A. Slivny, Montgomery Hills Junior High; and Miss Glendora E. Needy, Woodlawn Elementary.

Declaring that he is "very happy" at the anticipated element of change at the junior college, Dean Hugh C. Price said it "gives us just about the number we wanted." He added that no classes will exceed 30 students and will be smaller "on the average."

Classes will be held from 4 to 10 p.m. at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School with extracurricular activities from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Hotel Training Offered.

Students at one of the classes at the college will receive instruction in hotel and restaurant management. Dean Price said the course, which will be for two years, was organized with the aid of the District of Columbia Hotel Association and the Washington Restaurant Association.

He said there still is room for 20 more students in the hotel administration course.

An advisory committee has been set up to supervise the course, he said. Members are Dean Price, director of the Shoreham Hotel and president of the hotel association; Herbert C. Blunk, manager of the Statler Hotel; Thomas C. De Veau, manager of the Sheraton Hotel; C. J. Mack, general manager of the Mayflower Hotel; S. W. Keese, general manager of the New Colonial Hotel; and Arthur J. Harnett, executive secretary of the hotel association.

Course in Auto Service.

Another two-year course will furnish instruction in automotive service management. Dean Price said it is planned to enroll only about 20 students in the class this year.

"This is not a mechanical course to train mechanics," he emphasized, "but is semi-professional in character and is designed to train administrative personnel in the field of automotive service. It was established largely as the result of a survey, by the college of District needs."

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Children Overdo Medicine in One Of 106 Accidents

Among the home-accident victims reported by the Red Cross Accident Prevention Service last week were two sisters, aged 5 and 3, who split a bottle of cough syrup, and a brother and sister, aged 6 and 4, who ate rose of Sharon seeds.

Like 106 other District residents who suffered home accidents last week, they were treated in hospitals.

Other children also met with misfortune, including a brother-and-sister case in which one stuck a pair of scissors through the arm of the other. A 2-year-old cut his foot on the spout of a teakettle.

One child fell off the roof of a wooded shed and landed on a back porch railing into a coalpit. A small boy started a fire in a clothes closet while playing with matches and his mother was burned on the right leg extinguishing the flames.

District home accidents have caused 158 deaths and 2,006 injuries this year.

Montgomery's Schools Placed On Merit List

Montgomery County schools are included in a list of 100 "good" secondary schools and colleges throughout the country to be published in a coming issue of Look magazine.

Dr. Edwin W. Broome, superintendent of county schools, revealed yesterday.

Dr. Broome said he had been informed of the inclusion of the county school system in a letter from the magazine. He said the schools were rated by State education superintendents and national educators.

"It is very interesting to have such an honor bestowed on this county and I feel happy that our educational system was selected," Dr. Broome said.

North Virginia Dailies Take Lead in Awards For Type, Press Work

Northern Virginia daily newspapers with circulations up to 10,000 took top awards in their class in the 1946 better newspaper contest of the Virginia Press Association.

The first-place winners were the Alexandria Gazette, for excellence of front page; the Winchester Evening Star, excellence of general makeup; the Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star, excellence in handling of display advertising; and the Charlottesville Daily Progress, excellence of press work.

In the non-daily field, two Loudoun County papers carried off top honors in their respective classifications. The Loudoun News, Leesburg, with a circulation of less than 2,000, took top honors and was adjudged best non-daily for excellence of front page, general makeup and press work, while the Loudoun Times-Mirror, also Leesburg, in the more than 2,000 circulation group, was rated best in handling of display advertising.

Banquet at Ocean View.

The awards were among those made at a banquet last night closing the 64th annual meeting of the Virginia Press Association at Green View, the Associated Press reported. Louis Spillman, editor and publisher of the Waynesboro News-Vindicator and chairman of the VPA Awards Committee, presented the certificates awarded to the first-place winners.

Vernon T. Sanford, secretary-manager of the Oklahoma Press Association, was judge of this year's competition.

Thomas H. Hanes, managing editor of the Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch, was elected president of the association. Mr. Hanes, who served as vice president for the last year, was elected unanimously to succeed Miss Josephine L. Dailey, co-publisher of the Caroline Progress of Bowling Green.

International Plan Told.

Other officers named were Raymond S. Davis, of the Crewe Chronicle, re-elected as vice president; Robert Smith, advertising manager of the Newport News Daily Press and Times-Herald, named as vice president; William T. Christian, managing editor of the Richmond News Leader, re-elected treasurer; and Edward W. Meyer, of Richmond, re-elected secretary.

Miss Dailey reported on plans to bring journalists from foreign countries to Virginia. She announced that \$1,540 is now available to cover the expenses of bringing two newspaper men here, one from Denmark and one from the Netherlands.

Andrew Farley, general manager of the Danville Register and Bee, reported on a plan under which the association's weekly members may participate in a group insurance plan.

Doctor's Microscope Stolen.

A microscope valued at \$400 was stolen yesterday from the office of Dr. Harrison Picot at 804 Prince Street, Alexandria, police reported.

Only One Try

Another in a series of jogs for lagging memories regarding District traffic laws.

Police and ambulance drivers are reminded that they have only one try to avoid a traffic violation. A violation of traffic laws is a criminal offense and is punishable by a fine or imprisonment.

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Here, a private automobile has been substituted for the fire truck which appeared in a similar problem presented last week. With respect to the earlier diagram, Assistant Traffic Director M. O. Eldridge pointed out that the fire truck, responding to an alarm, had the right-of-way over all other vehicles. This prompted queries as to precedence after the fire truck. Would the right-of-way go next to:

1. The police car, pursuing a felon?
2. The mail truck?
3. Plain Joe Motorist?
4. The ambulance, taking an injured person to a hospital?

Mr. Eldridge explained that the usual "rules of the road" would prevail, except that the police car and ambulance would be using sirens, a signal for other traffic to stop. If the police car or ambulance proposed to make a left turn, it would be required to yield to the vehicle approaching from the opposite direction.

20 Silver Spring FPHA Units Will Open This Week

Occupancy for Other Veterans' Housing Seen in 10 Weeks

Occupancy of 20 of the 187 units in the veterans' housing project in Silver Spring, Md., is scheduled this week, E. Brooke Lee, chairman of the Montgomery Housing Authority, announced yesterday.

Mr. Lee said he has received assurance of early occupancy from the Federal Public Housing Authority, in charge of construction. Other units are expected to open during the next 10 weeks.

Veterans' housing units at Linden and at Washington Missionary College, Takoma Park, also are expected to open this month, Mr. Lee said.

Building Four Months.

Although the Silver Spring project has been under construction for more than four months, Mr. Lee emphasized erection and completion of the units have "at no time been delayed by any failure of the local authority to perform its share of the work."

He explained FPHA has furnished the buildings, placed them on the site and prepared them for occupancy. The housing agency also is furnishing heating, cooking and other equipment and is providing rental furniture for 80 per cent of the dwellings, he added.

The county commissioners furnished funds for water, sewer and electrical facilities and provided parking space for the units facing Sligo Parkway near Forest Glen road, Mr. Lee said.

To Build Road.

He said the county also will construct a road leading to units to be erected on the recently acquired Bulfinch tract east of the park as part of the permanent park road system.

A total of 690 veterans have applied for living quarters in the Silver Spring project. Their names have been entered in a permanent ledger and space will be offered them in the order of their applications within the classifications established by the Housing Authority.

First priority, Mr. Lee said, will be given families of veterans who entered the service while living in the county, who have returned to the county and whose present living conditions are classified as "distressed" as defined by the Housing Authority.

Two Priorities Set.

To meet this definition, veterans' families must meet one or more of the following requirements: Be without housing in the area; live in quarters not designed for family occupancy; threatened with eviction; not already evicted; to have lived "doubled up" with another family while a member was in the service and desire to establish their own home on that member's service record; or have a dwelling which is unsatisfactory for their use because of some unusual hardship affecting the family, such as a health condition aggravated by such housing.

Second priority will be given families of veterans who entered the service from other parts of the country but who have moved to Montgomery County and their present living conditions qualify them for occupancy under the "distressed" definition.

Mr. Lee said the Housing Authority is considering the establishment of special "distressed" priority for the families of veterans who have been evicted from their living quarters by a court order.

More Units Planned.

Of the 690 veterans who have applied for housing in the project, approximately 300 entered the service from the county, have returned there and their present living conditions fall under the "distressed" classification, according to Mr. Lee.

Some of these families, however, are obtaining "acceptable" homes themselves.

He said the Housing Authority hopes to place 16 additional apartments in the Silver Spring project in the next 10 weeks.

Alexandria to Study Fund Drive Control

Alexandria's city council will be asked to approve the establishment of an Appeals Board of Review empowered to approve or disapprove drives for funds, it was announced yesterday.

Wallace Sumner Hughes, executive secretary of the Alexandria Community Chest, said that the plan has received approval from both the Chest and Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, which will ask its endorsement by the City Council.

The board would determine the validity of "public drives, decide whether or not the amount to be raised is appropriate, and specify dates in order to avoid conflicts with other appeals.

The board would assist the city manager, who issues permits to organizations conducting drives.

Foreign Experts Impressed By Suburban Water System

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission's water supply and purification system and its new incinerator at Lyttonville, Md., has attracted international attention, the list of recent visitors at the commission's two filtration plants and incinerator revealed yesterday.

Commission officials said the visitors expressed particular interest in the steel construction of the Burnt Mills and Willis School filtration plants. They were designed by the late Robert B. Morse, chief engineer of the commission from 1918 to 1936.

Commission authorities also pointed out that the Lyttonville incinerator, which serves the suburban area of Montgomery County, is featured in the September issue of the American City magazine.

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Quesenberry Follows Allen With Party Bid For Robertson Seat

By the Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va., Sept. 14.—The second Democratic announcement of candidacy for the 7th District nomination for the House seat of Representative Robertson came today from C. G. Quesenberry, 45-year-old Waynesboro attorney and member of the House of Delegates for the past 12 years.

Mr. Quesenberry's announcement followed yesterday's declaration of William K. Allen, Amherst lawyer who has practiced before the Virginia bar since 1897.

A further development in the District's late summer political activity came almost simultaneously from Luray, where M. J. "Peachy" Menefee, secretary to Senator Byrd and mentioned prominently as a possible candidate, announced in a statement that he had decided not to be a candidate.

Moore Also Declines.

(E. Blackburn Moore, Byrd organization spokesman in the House of Delegates from Winchester and Clarke County, told The Star last night he "definitely" is not a candidate. He had been urged to seek the office by a Clarke County newspaper.)

The district nominee will be selected at a convention at Staunton on September 28. Representative Robertson was nominated at Richmond earlier this month for the unexpired Senate term of the late Carter Glass.

In a statement of candidacy, Mr. Quesenberry said "it has not been considered politically wise recently to publicly announce as a candidate, but I feel that the people of the district should know in advance of their local mass meetings who the candidates will be at the district conventions."

Urges Conservation.

Mr. Allen, said his aim if nominated and elected would be to work on the Foreign Affairs Committee to help prevent another war. Mr. Robertson today urged sportsmen and conservationists to join hands with the farmer in the preservation of wildlife and in prevention of forest fires and stream pollution if the Nation is to render proper stewardship of its heritage of natural resources.

Speaking before a forest field day crowd at Shenandoale Lake, the chairman of the House Committee on Wildlife Conservation traced the steps by which Shenandoale Lake recreation area in George Washington National Forest originated.

Garden Club Show Set in Silver Spring

Plans are being completed by the Silver Spring Garden Club for its fall flower, fruit and vegetable show to be held Friday and Saturday in the new Silver Spring Community House.

The show will be open to the public from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m. Friday and from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday. Mrs. J. Myron Jones and Mrs. Charles T. Williams are co-chairmen.

Special prizes will be awarded for the best dahlias, roses and chrysanthemums. Special emphasis is being placed on dahlias, for which there are 27 classes.

Many women's clubs in the metropolitan area have been invited to enter floral arrangements. There also will be two special arrangements for children. Contestants are asked to bring their exhibits to the showroom between 1 and 6:30 p.m. Friday. Judging will be Mrs. David I. Miller, Hagerstown, Pa.; Winn T. Simmons, Takoma Park; and W. H. Youngman.

Mr. Youngman, who is garden editor of The Star, will speak on gardening in postwar Europe at a meeting of the club at 8 p.m. tomorrow at the Silver Spring Community House.

Mr. Youngman recently returned from service in France and Germany as a civilian instructor in farm management for the War Department.

Chest Group Merged

The Prince Georges County Community Chest and the Planning Council of the organization have been merged into one unit.

Foreign Experts Impressed By Suburban Water System

Among recent visitors from foreign countries who inspected the commission's water facilities and the operation of its new incinerator were:

M. R. Hulton, sanitary engineer from Sydney, Australia; Vincenzo Barbieri, UNRRA sanitary engineer from Rome; E. C. Storm Van Gravesande, director of the Frisian district water supply and sewerage system of the Netherlands; J. P. Bigl, director of the Netherlands Institute of Preventive Medicine; and N. Matveev, Moscow sanitary engineer.

Other recent visitors included James C. Zingler, chief engineer of New York City, and Ralph A. Vilam and Norman W. Conrad of the city engineer's office, Newark, N. J.

Brooke Lee Is Named Secretary for State Democratic Campaign

E. Brooke Lee, head of Montgomery County's Democratic organization, will serve as secretary of the State Democratic Campaign Committee until the November elections.

Robert B. Ennis, chairman of the State Central Committee, announced yesterday in Baltimore.

State Senator L. Harold Sotheron of Prince Georges County, also was among those from the nearby area who were named to the committee, the Associated Press reported.

Senator Tidwell, who will head the Campaign Committee, and Senator Radcliffe, Howard Bruce and Philip B. Perlman will be members of an advisory council, for which an Advisory Committee is being assembled.

Director of finance will be Samuel H. Hoffberger, with Edwin F. A. Morgan, Presley D. Bowen, and Joseph J. Flynn as co-directors. Eugene H. Beer, Jr., will be treasurer and Howard T. Mattingly his assistant.

Mrs. M. Alice Canoles, Democratic national committeewoman, will head the Women's Committee; Maj. Gen. Milton A. Reckord will be chairman of the Veterans' Committee; Wirt A. Duval will head the Public Relations Committee; and Thomas J. Healy will head the Labor Committee, with William H. Morris as secretary.

Other members of the Campaign Committee: H. Street Baldwin, S. Scott Beck, Frank Bocek, Arthur H. Brice, Julian B. Carrick, J. Gil-Weese Carter, William Curran, Gilbert A. Dailey, Walter J. DeWees, Robert E. Dwyer, John B. Wink, Joseph M. George, Howard W. Jackson, Thomas F. Johnson, Christian H. Kahl, Thomas J. Keating, Ambrose J. Kennedy, Ellis Levin, James J. Lindsay, Joseph McSwenney, George P. O'Malley, Anthony J. Mullen, Patrick P. O'Malley, James H. Pollack, Harrison Elder, J. Millard Tawes, Rex A. Taylor, William C. Walsh, John T. Willis and Joseph M. Wyatt.

Maryland U. Faces Record Enrollment

Registration of approximately 8,000 students, a record enrollment, will begin at 8:30 a.m. tomorrow and continue through Friday at the gymnasium of the University of Maryland.

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PTA at Falls Church To Hold Reception

A reception for teachers will be given at 8 p.m. Wednesday by the Falls Church Parent-Teacher Association in the Madison School.

Committee chairmen of the association for the coming year include: Mrs. Samuel Dennis, membership; Mrs. R. Thomas R. Oakley, hospitality; Mrs. John Baker, library; Lester Kellogg, legislative; Mrs. Lester Kellogg and Mrs. John Cotting, entertainers; William T. Pryor, program; August Hanson, buildings and grounds; Mrs. Charles Manly, health, and Mrs. J. C. Arnold, ways and means.

De Moley Will Initiate Class of 50 at Alexandria

A class of 50 youths will be initiated into the Order of De Moley in Alexandria by the William Mason Saunders Chapter at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial September 28.

George Washington Chapter of Clarendon will conduct the degree work at the initiation, assisted by the Anacostia chapter of Washington and leading Alexandria members.



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Henry Beall, Chester and William Reamy (left to right), all volunteers of the Brentwood Fire Department, playing hose on target in contest to determine fastest hose hook up time. They did it in 24 1/2 seconds.

Volunteer Firemen Dance at Branchville After Hour's Parade

The Prince Georges County Volunteer Firemen's Association, its ranks restored by returning servicemen, last night brought to a close its 24th annual convention with a street dance at Branchville.

The dance climaxed a day of carnival celebrations including a parade of 44 trucks and nine ambulances that crept at a snail's pace along the Baltimore boulevard between Branchville and College Park.

Backlogged north-bound traffic stretched toward Washington as far as the eye could see along the boulevard while the parade took nearly an hour along the boulevard.

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Also, pumper standing hook-up

Virginia Farms Appear Too Costly for Owner Loans to Veterans

By the Associated Press

Virginia farm lands apparently are too high priced for veterans to obtain farm ownership loans.

Only 12 ownership loans for a total of \$92,919 have been made to date, compared to \$41,041 in 1940.

The explanation, agriculture officials said, apparently lies in the great upswing in farm prices.

The average price per acre of Virginia farm land is estimated by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics to be slightly more than \$73 as compared to \$41.04 in 1940.

Veterans wanting to buy farms in Virginia thus face the problem of finding land productive enough to justify high prices. They have found, too, that few productive farms are available in some parts of the State.

The FSA refuses to make loans unless the price is in line with actual value. Future earning power of the land, and not just present farm prices, is taken into account.

Virginia veterans seeking operating loans to assist in farming have fared better. The FSA has made 103 of these loans for a total of \$69,741 on the basis of 207 applications.